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1. WE SHARE MISSION'S VIEW THAT CONSOLIDATED TRAINING IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING WAYS IN WHICH INCREASED NATO COOPERATION COULD ELIMINATE INEFFICIENCIES AND PRODUCE SAVINGS. US ASSUMPTION OF PEACETIME PILOT TRAINING WAS INCLUDED IN SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AT JUNE 1974 DPC MINISTERIAL AS ONE OF THE AREAS WHICH APPEAR PRACTICAL BUT NEEDS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE EWG EXAMINE SUCH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATO RATIONALIZATION

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POTENTIAL STUDY.

2. AT AN EARLY PERMREP LUNCHEON, MISSION MAY WISH TO REMIND PERMREPS OF US INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING AND TO HIGHLIGHT THIS AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF RATIONALIZING NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS AS PART OF THE RATIONALIZATION POTENTIAL STUDY. THEREAFTER, THE EWG COULD SERVE TO HIGHLIGHT THESE EFFORTS AND CALL UPON THE MC AND THE EURO-NATO TRAINING GROUP TO REPORT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD AND ON THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED RATIONALIZATION OF TRAINING.

3. WE PREFER TO EMPHASIZE THE ATTAINMENT OF EFFICIENCIES RATHER THAN EMPHASIZING TRAINING IN THE US. ALTHOUGH PERHAPS LESS EFFICIENT, CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING IN EUROPE WOULD BE WELCOME AS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER PRESENT SITUATION. AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE ANKARA CONFERENCE, US HAS PROVIDED REVISED COSTS TO FOUR INTERESTED NATIONS ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING IN THE US. MISSION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUE NATO OPERATED SCHOOLS IS NOT ALWAYS MOST EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE; FOR HELICOPTER TRAINING, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN 40 PERCENT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN AGREED ARRANGEMENT.

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